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Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2 and 4 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

This Listing of Claims will replace prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An information processing method for editing multimedia content including metadata, the method comprising:

~~a receiving step of~~ receiving operation information about an editing operation; and

~~a determining step of~~ determining whether ~~or not~~ the metadata is usable for the edited multimedia content in accordance with the operation information and a property of the metadata, where in which a change in the reliability of the metadata due to the editing operation is written in the property of the metadata; and

adding the metadata to the edited multimedia content if the metadata is determined to be usable.

2. (cancelled)

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3. (currently amended) An information processing method for editing multimedia content including metadata, the method comprising:

~~a receiving step of receiving operation information about an editing operation; and~~

~~an adding step of adding the operation information, as an operation record, to a property of the metadata, where in which a change in the reliability of the metadata due to the editing operation is written in the property of the metadata;~~

reading the property of the metadata; and

determining whether the metadata is usable for edited

multimedia content in accordance with the operation information about the editing operation and the read property of the metadata,

wherein, if the metadata is determined to be usable, the metadata is added to the edited multimedia content.

4. (cancelled)

5. (original) An information processing method for retrieving predetermined metadata in multimedia content including metadata, the method comprising:

a retrieving step of retrieving the predetermined metadata in the multimedia content in accordance with predetermined retrieval conditions;

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a reading step of reading a property of the retrieved metadata in which a change in the reliability of the retrieved metadata due to a predetermined operation is written;

a calculating step of calculating the reliability of the retrieved metadata in accordance with an operation record and the change in the reliability written in the property of the retrieved metadata; and

an outputting step of outputting, as a retrieval result, metadata with a reliability greater than or equal to a predetermined reliability.

6. (currently amended) An information processing apparatus for editing multimedia content including metadata, the apparatus comprising:

receiving means for receiving operation information about an editing operation; and

determining means for determining whether ~~or not~~ the metadata is usable for ~~the~~ edited multimedia content in accordance with the operation information about the editing operation and a property of the metadata, where in which a change in the reliability of the metadata due to the editing operation is written in the property of the metadata; and

adding means for adding the metadata to the edited multimedia content if the metadata is determined to be usable.

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7. (currently amended) An information processing apparatus for editing multimedia content including metadata, the apparatus comprising:

receiving means for receiving operation information about an editing operation; and

adding means for adding the operation information as an operation record to a property of the metadata, ~~where in which~~ a change in the reliability of the metadata due to the editing operation is written in the property of the metadata;

reading means for reading the property of the metadata; and

determination means for determining whether the metadata is usable for edited multimedia content in accordance with the operation information about the editing operation and the read property of the metadata,

wherein, if the metadata is determined to be usable, the metadata is added to the edited multimedia content.

8. (original) An information processing apparatus for retrieving predetermined metadata in multimedia content including metadata, the apparatus comprising:

retrieving means for retrieving the predetermined metadata in the multimedia content in accordance with predetermined retrieval conditions;

reading means for reading a property of the retrieved metadata in which a change in the reliability of the retrieved metadata due to a predetermined operation is written;

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calculating means for calculating the reliability of the retrieved metadata in accordance with an operation record and the change in the reliability written in the property of the retrieved metadata; and

outputting means for outputting, as a retrieval result, metadata with a reliability greater than or equal to a predetermined reliability.

9. (original) A control program for causing a computer to execute the information processing method as set forth in any one of the Claims 1 to 5.